HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING November 12, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant County Highway Committee was held on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at the Highway Office in Lancaster, Wisconsin. Chairman Donald Splinter called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M..

Members present besides the Chairman were Mark Stead, Vern Lewison, Eugene Bartels, and Highway Commissioner David Lambert. Pat Schroeder asked to be excused. Also present was County Board Chairman John Patcle, Randy Franks, and Jon Knautz.

Eugene Bartels, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved that the meeting is in compliance with the open meeting law. Motion carried.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Eugene Bartels, moved to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2009 and November 10, 2009 meetings as printed. Motion carried.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Eugene Bartels, moved to pay Vouchers #1075 thru #1201. Motion carried.

Donna Bohnenkamp and Jeannie Morgan joined the Committee and discussed how the new Springbrook Software is working for Juneau and Chippewa Counties. Juneau County was initially set to go live in September and is now scheduled to go live on February 22, 2010. The State Auditor has said that they have talked to Springbrook three times on the telephone but they have never seen the software program. All in attendance agreed that a wait and see approach would be most prudent. It was also brought to the attention of the Committee, that Grant County IT personnel were in the Highway Office after hours and did something to the system causing it to lock out Highway Personnel after a three minute no work period. It cost the Highway Department approximately 40 hours of added time to input data into the system. When the IT Department was contacted about the problem, they said they knew there was a problem but it wasn't a top priority. After two weeks, the problem was resolved. John Patcle said that he would discuss the situation with Larry Wolf, Chairman of the Computer Committee.

Bruce Ommen of Ayres Associates, came before the Committee, to discuss and give an update on the Janet Tysver property and relocation.

Randy gave a County Construction update on Highland "Q" (this seasons work is to be done by November 13), CTH "C" (bridge approaches to be paved yet and expect to be open on Friday, November 20), and CTH "O" (should be done and open by next week).

Jon gave a State Construction update including an update on the asphalt overlay on State Highway 18.

David has received the 2010 RMA agreement for our signatures. It represents a 13.65% reduction in the amount that Grant County will receive from the WisDOT to complete maintenance on the State System for calendar year 2010.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to approve and sign the 2010 Routine Maintenance Agreement with the WisDOT. Motion carried.

The September State requisitions have been submitted. At the end of the first nine months of 2009 we were \$37,871.86 in the black for the maintenance work that Grant County provides on the State Highway System.

David passed out information regarding the 2010 Wisconsin County Highway Association Winter Conference to be held January 11, 12, & 13.

Under the Machinery and Equipment Reports, it was noted that the two new Peterbilt Section trucks are scheduled to be sent to Burke Equipment at the end of November, and then delivered.

David discussed a three acre parcel of land including a quarry the County owns on CTH "O" that a joining land owner is interested in purchasing if the County decides to sell.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to adjourn at 10:28 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Mark A. Stead, Secretary